

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk

Two sides of Christian living are reflected in the readings this weekend. The First Reading reflects the areas of difference and conflict that are bound to arise when Christians come face to face with new problems and new questions for the articulation of their faith. Such conflicts, when properly handled, are necessary if we are to have a deeper understanding of the real meaning of our faith in a changing world.

The words of today's Gospel are relatively abstract. They sound so nice and soothing, which is perhaps why they are so easy to digest. But life is not abstract; it constantly puts us face to face with the nitty-gritty. The Church, too, is not abstract, although we often speak impersonally of it in phrases such as "Why doesn't the Church...?", "What does the Church say...?" and so on.

The Church is much more than an organization founded 2,000 years ago by Jesus Christ. It is, as the Second Vatican Council emphasized, a people. It is a community - one that is at times rather fractious, disjointed, and flawed - whose members in varying degrees share their faith and hope, their love and caring. It is through this community, with all its faults (and they are many), that the Spirit continues to speak as it did in the days of the first disciples.

We see the same tendency in the Church today. There are people who want to turn the clock back and resurrect old customs and impose them on others. These people tend to make the Church an end in itself. However, the Church is primarily a vehicle, a means by which the experience of God's love is extended to the whole world. And, if the Church is to be true to the Spirit, it must remain open to the world; for it is the world that, in the words of one theologian, "writes the agenda for the Church".

If you can believe it, Mother's Day is next week! Please plan to attend Mass here at Transfiguration and bring your Mother, Grandmother, Godmother or someone who is a mother figure to you. The liturgies will be special and we will have a gift for all "mothers" at all the Masses.

Blessings on your week!

*Father Michael Tang*

## Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to transfer students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323. 291.1136 for more details.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, May 5

10:00 AM School Family Mass  
10:30 AM-12 Noon Religious Ed Class  
Jr. Knights Mtg.-*after 10am Mass*  
Jr. Daughters Mtg.-*after 10am Mass*  
2:00 PM Bingo-hall

### Monday, May 6

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

### Wednesday, May 7

6:00 PM Line Dancing-hall  
6:30 PM CCL

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

### Thursday, May 9

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Re-Registration Night-hall

### Friday, May 10

6:30 PM Piano Recital-Church

### Saturday, May 11

9:00 AM-12:00 PM Leadership make-up class  
1:00-5:00 PM Seniors -hall

### Sunday, May 12

**Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**  
**Mother's Day**

10:30 AM-12 Noon Religious Ed Class

## MOTHERS DAY NOVENA

In the month of May, there will be a special Novena of Masses for the intentions of mothers. If you wish to enroll your mother, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.

## School News

*Celebrating 75 Years*  
*A Legacy of Making a Difference*  
Serving the Community Since 1937

### Attention All Bishop Conaty Our Lady of Lorretto Alumni!!!

There will be a Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Tickets are \$10 per person.

Call the Transfiguration school office for more information.

### Save the dates:

Re-Registration Night May 9 at 5:00 PM  
Piano Recital, Church on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Sports Banquet, Hall/Church on May 17 at 5:30 PM  
Dance Recital, Hall on May 23 & 24 at 6:30 PM

### School-Wide Clean-up & Paint Day

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

All parents are needed to assist!

### Summer School:

We will offer Summer School from July 1-July 26. The Summer program will include Academics, Sports, and Fine and Performing Arts classes.

### Paper Donation:

Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

We pray for our parishioners every week!!

### Congratulations to:

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** who were confirmed on last Friday. **Mariah Ellis, Marcia Fuller, Jordan Jackson, Damas Kufлом, Ingrid Laing, Brian Mutetikka, Destiny Thomas, Jorge Tiznado, Milagro Jean-Marie Tucker, Rhapsody Washington, and Matthew Young.** Thank you to our Religious Education teachers for a job well done! **Mrs. Terrye Thomas, Mrs. Barbara Starks and Mrs. Michele Starks, and our DRE, Ms. Refugio Godinez.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Is Your Family Prepared for a Natural Disaster?

A news report on last month's earthquake in Southwest China demonstrates how important it is to have a family preparedness plan in case of a disaster. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children* offers the following recommendations to all families potentially impacted by a natural disaster: Know where your children are at all times; Stay together; Take photos of your children with you when evacuated; Give children identification information to carry with them, including the child's name, date of birth, address, phone numbers, etc.; E-mail digital photos of all family members to extended relatives and/or friends; Photocopy important documents and mail to a friend/relative in a safe location; Make a plan with your children, so they know what to do if your family becomes separated during an evacuation. For more information please visit the website: [www.missingkids.com/disasters](http://www.missingkids.com/disasters)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

5:15 p.m.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

### Friday

8:00 a.m.

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5:15 p.m.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

### May 4

Soul of Edmund Richards

### May 5

Soul of Gwen Harmon

Intention of all Parishioners

Intention of Monsignor Robert Howard

### May 10

Intention of Betty Kershaw

### May 11

Soul of Barbara Samuel

### May 12

Souls of Lillian & Elizabeth Sterling

Intentions of all Mothers

Intentions of all Parishioners

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 15:1-29 Ps 67:2-8 Jn 14:23-29
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 17:15-18 Jn 16:12-115
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23-28
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-9 Jn 17:20-26

## Sacrificial Gifts

### Sunday, April 29, 2012

\$5,575.89 Sacrificial Gift  
455.07 Building Fund  
260.04 "We Care"

### Sunday, April 28, 2013

\$4,445.33 Sacrificial Gift  
377.65 Building Fund  
215.92 "We Care"

**Verbum Dei High School** is still accepting Admissions Applications for the 2013-2014 School Year. For more information, please contact Ms. Gonzalez at 323.564.6651 or visit us at 11100 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059.

### PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, and Lilla Williams.